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CHALLENGE TO FALKLAND IS. STATUS

Strong Statement In House of Commons

London, Feb. 16.—A warning was made by Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, in the House of Commons today that Britain will not overlook the challenge of Argentine and Chilean naval demonstrations in the Falkland Islands, while reports came from South Africa that the British cruiser Nigeria, which left Simonstown today, had sailed for the Falklands.

HMS Nigeria, an 8,000-ton ship of 10 six-inch guns, sailed on her 3,000-mile voyage four days after two Argentine and smaller craft were reported to have sailed from Buenos Aires for the Antarctic.

The President of Chile, Señor Videla, is also on his way to the Antarctic to inaugurate a new Chilean Army base on Greenwich Island, in the South Shetlands group, over which Britain claims control.

When reports of Mr. McNeil's speech reached Santiago, the Chilean capital, unofficial quarters close to the Government said that Britain's attitude was "too strong and out of proportion to the events in dispute, and still in the negotiation stage."

KEEPING DOOR OPEN

These sources added: "Chile is keeping the door open to a friendly settlement and heartily supports Mr. McNeil's statement about the necessity of avoiding provocation."

The Chilean Foreign Office declined to comment officially on Mr. McNeil's statement.

Meanwhile, President Videla was continuing his trip despite a violent storm which caught the transport Pinto, in which he is travelling, while crossing the Drake Sea, south of Cape Horn.

The storm may mean a slight delay in his arrival at Greenwich Island.

In his House of Commons statement, Mr. McNeil declared that steps were being taken to ensure that the Governor of the Falkland Isles received the support he needed.

"Rival claims in the Antarctic have long existed, but it has never been thought necessary by the governments to create international ill-feeling or arouse public opinion on the subject," the Minister of State declared.

SEEKING SOVEREIGNTY

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. McNeil, declared, hoped the Argentine and Chilean Governments would share his desire to avoid provocation in this matter.

Mr. McNeil said: "Argentina and Chilean naval forces are at present operating in British waters in the Falkland Island Dependencies with the declared object of enforcing their claims to sovereignty in this area."

"They have also landed parties and purport to set up military commands in British territory."

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EDITORIAL

Is Hongkong Included?

The approval given to the Overseas Resources Development Bill by the Commons means that large-scale economic development in Colonial territories is now passing from the phase of debate to that of action. Informed and enthusiastic though most of the discussion on the Second Reading was, and on an appropriately non-party level, the friendly critics did not succeed in getting a more satisfactory arrangement regarding the position of the Minister of Food in relation to the Colonial scheme of things. "The cuckoo in the nest" Mr. Oliver Stanley called him, and there are reasons to fear that this may prove an all-too-apt description. All the disclaimers of Mr. Strachey failed to dispel the impression that a false step had been made, and Mr. Stanley found no difficulty in disposing of the arguments put forward to justify the functioning of the Ministry of Food in Colonial territories. It is the duty of that Ministry to think first about supplies for the United Kingdom, whereas the Colonial Office is committed above all else to the promotion of the interests of the Colonial peoples. Dual purpose may easily lead to conflict—and then to compromise. In this connection, it was unfortunate that the usually impeccable Sir Stafford Cripps in his speech to the African Governors' Conference should have apparently forgotten the prior claims of the indigenous peoples when he said: "We must be prepared to change our outlook and our habits of Colonial development and force

Reds Threaten Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—A Chinese Communist guerrilla band of more than 100 strong, carrying American small arms, clashed with government troops 30 miles south of Shanghai on Sunday night.

The unit, reportedly comprising former anti-Japanese guerrillas armed during wartime by the Sino-American Cooperative Organisation (SACO), landed from Changchow Bay near Sungkien and clashed with government troops. The casualties were not reported.

Reinforcements searched the area, which is dotted with villages, in an effort to frustrate what was believed to be one of the first infiltration attempts in the vicinity of Shanghai.—United Press.

DEVELOPING AFRICA

European Countries To Conduct Talks

Paris, Feb. 16.—The Anglo-French talks to follow up Mr. Ernest Bevin's proposals for collaboration on African development between European powers are to begin here tomorrow afternoon.

It is hoped to extend the talks later to include Belgium, Holland and the Union of South Africa.

Tomorrow's agenda covers American trade, communications and ports, price policy and plans for economic development.

It is understood here that Britain and France have agreed on the principle of establishing their African co-operation on the widest possible basis.

The two governments will examine means of harmonising their attitudes on problems of political character with a view to defining the rules of a specifically African policy, a French Foreign Office spokesman said.—Reuters.

Col. Kanazawa Hanged

Colonel Asao Kanazawa, notorious commander of the Japanese Kempetai in Hongkong following the transfer of Col. Nomura, who was found guilty of ill-treatment of prisoners and residents, causing death to many and physical suffering to others by a War Crimes Court last October, was hanged at 7 o'clock this morning in Stanley Gaol.

Kanazawa's trial lasted 23 days, the court comprising Lieut-Col. M. G. Ward (President), Major A. Clayworth and Captain R. D. R. Gorey.

Remote Control Periscope

The report said that since the first report presented to the Security Council, all information emphasised the increasing gravity of the situation and "reveals more

Palestine Commission Urges Creation Of International Army

Essential For Law And Order

Lake Success, Feb. 16.—A 19-page report dealing with security problems in Palestine was adopted unanimously by the United Nations Palestine Commission here today. The report was sent to members of the Security Council and published tonight.

It called on the Security Council to provide an international armed force to enforce the partition in Palestine. It said the situation in Palestine is "extremely grave" and expected to get worse.

The other highlights were:

1.—The Commission cannot maintain law and order and implement the partition without adequate military forces at its disposal.

2.—"Powerful Arab interests" inside and outside Palestine are "engaged in a deliberate effort to alter by force the General Assembly

3.—Certain elements of the Jewish community continue to "commit irresponsible acts of violence which worsen the security situation."

4.—Britain's refusal to allow the creation of a Jewish militia until the mandate is terminated will delay implementation of the partition and make the security problem more difficult.

DEFENCE OF JERUSALEM

5.—Jerusalem cannot defend itself against attacks unless the British security forces are replaced by another non-Palestinian force.

6.—Unless the United Nations provides forces, it will be impossible to establish boundaries and the Commission will be unable to fulfil its other functions.

7.—An "extremely grave situation" would arise if, at the termination of the mandate, no organised militias existed in the Jewish and Arab States.

The report said: "Because of the extreme gravity of the situation in Palestine now and the anticipated worsening of conditions there, this special report is presented to the Security Council at this time."

The Commission realises that both the future well-being of the Palestine people and the authority and effectiveness of the United Nations are deeply involved."

GRAVE SITUATION

The report said that since the formation of armies in either of the projected states before the mandate is terminated.

Between the termination of the mandate and August 1, the report

President Truman's Appeal

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Truman has addressed appeals to "certain interested governments to exercise restraint in dealing with the Palestine situation", the White House disclosed today.

Today's White House statement on Palestine was made as a result of reports that President Truman had actually addressed specific requests to the Kings of Iraq and Saudi Arabia to refrain from using violence in resisting the partition of the Holy Land.

The White House refused specifically to confirm these reports, but stated that, "in an effort to prevent the spread of disorder in the Middle East, this Government has, during recent months, addressed appeals to certain interested governments stressing the importance, in the interest of Middle East security and world peace, of the exercise of restraint in dealing with the Palestine situation."

Some of these appeals were made directly by the President.

PARTITION POLICY

In recent days, both President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, have reiterated the United States support in principle of the United Nations partition policy.

They have declined, however, to commit the nation on the steps it is prepared to take to aid the fulfillment of that policy, especially if, as is expected, the United Nations Palestine Commission asks the Security Council for an armed force.

The Presidential Press Secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, refused to identify the "certain interested governments".

This statement is the first public evidence of the anxiety President Truman is known to feel over the situation developing in Palestine and the danger of a major strife between the Arabs and the Jews there.

SETTLEMENTS ATTACKED

Jerusalem, Feb. 16.—Some 400 uniformed Arabs launched heavy attacks today on three Jewish settlements in the Betsan area near the Transjordan frontier. Jewish sources in Tel Aviv said tonight.

Official reports given out tonight said that 30 Arabs were killed in today's attack on the Jewish settlements.

First official Army and police reports said that at least 21 Arabs were killed and a number wounded, and one Jewish settler killed and several other Jews wounded.—Reuters.

ARAB PLANS

Jerusalem, Feb. 16.—Plans "to meet all the eventualities of a Palestine civil war" will be submitted to the full Arab League Council tomorrow, the Secretary General of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha stated today, a Reuter despatch from Cairo reported.

told the Commission that British Army forces will be responsible only for self-protection. An armed attack against Palestine territory after the termination of the mandate would be resisted and if it were constituted an attack on British forces.

The report went into details of the forces which are available besides the British forces at present in Palestine.

The report said that in the present circumstances, in view of the arms and military equipment in the hands of the inhabitants, the Commission would not be able to establish in the proposed Arab State both a provisional council of government and an armed militia as required by the General Assembly.

SECURITY PROBLEM

The report added that the refusal of the mandatory power to allow the formation of a militia for the Jewish State until the termination of the mandate would entail a delay in the Assembly's plan and render much more difficult the problem of the security of the Jewish State when the mandate was relinquished.

If the Commission could not exercise authority in both the Arab and Jewish States as well as in Jerusalem, the report said: "An entirely new situation arises to which the Commission has the duty to draw the Security Council's attention."

The Commission also warned that an intensified struggle between the communities in Jerusalem would have immediate repercussions throughout Palestine and "would quickly extend far beyond its borders."

Neither the Jewish nor Arab militias could be expected to protect Jerusalem as this would not only be contrary to the General Assembly's intention but might provoke religious war.—Reuters.

The report detailed the British attitude on security as follows—before the termination of the mandate, the British will be exclusively responsible for maintaining law and order in the whole of Palestine and defend the whole country against aggression.

The British state that no arms, ammunition or military equipment are being supplied to individual organisations or bodies in Palestine except to certain police forces established by the mandatory Government, and no change in this policy is contemplated.

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They said the United States officials still believed it would not be wise to set up an independent state in Southern Korea despite the Soviet action in Northern Korea.

The Soviet action was described as most informed quarters here as "obviously designed to embarrass the United States and the United Nations Interim Commission in Korea."

SOVIETS TO WITHDRAW?

There was speculation concerning whether this move would be followed by a Soviet announcement of its intention to withdraw Red Army troops from Northern Korea.

Some quarters believed a Soviet announcement of withdrawal might be likely, in view of Northern Korea Radio's assertion that the "Army of All Korea" would be called upon to defend Korea. The "Army of All Korea" was presumed by officials here to consist of what they described as "Communist-dominated puppet troops" estimated to number roughly 200,000 men.

The existence of this reportedly thoroughly indoctrinated force is one of the reasons why the Americans fear an independent state could not last very long as a political entity. For that reason, United States officials hope that the United Nations Little Assembly, in deciding on the Korean Interim Commission's request for further instructions, will rule that elections be held in the South to establish legislative machinery, but that either the United Nations or the United States retain top authority, with military forces to guarantee the integrity of South Korea.—United Press.

Remote Control Periscope

Washington, Feb. 16.—A Californian has invented a new type of underwater image transmitting apparatus. It is in effect a mobile periscope or submarine periscope operable from a remote station.

By means of the device a submarine surface vessel or land station may discover the presence of other submarines, mines, nets, ships and other military devices without betraying its own position.

It will, its inventor claims, be useful for detecting and exploring sunken ships. It can be used to supervise and direct underwater operations, submarine, ship and dock repairing, channel dredging and mining.—Reuters.

BRITAIN STANDS PAT

London, Feb. 16.—Britain remains determined to withdraw all British troops from Palestine as quickly as possible after the termination of the mandate on May 15 and at the latest

about the future of the Holy City, the spokesman said. "But though British troops are still in process of evacuation from Palestine after the mandate has been handed over, they will have no responsibility for enforcing security."—Reuters.

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Snyder Sees No Depression Ahead

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Mr. John Snyder, the Secretary of the Treasury, said here today: "I do not believe we are headed toward any depression."

He added that he was "not at all concerned" about the recent declines in commodity and stock prices, declaring that "we have got all the elements of continued prosperity."

He expressed the Treasury's determination, if at all possible, through special tax treatment or other means, to encourage the flow of American private investment funds into foreign markets.—Reuters.

BRITISH RECOGNITION OF NEW SIAMESE GOVT. EXPECTED

London, Feb. 16.—Recognition of the new Siamese Government is now being actively considered by Britain in consultation with the French Government, it was learned in London tonight.

The British attitude has been in suspense since the coup d'état staged by Marshal Pibul Songkram last November, but there is now good reason to believe that since last month's general elections diplomatic quarters in London have become convinced that the new Government is stable and should be given normal diplomatic recognition.

This estimate of the position of the new Siamese Government is reliably believed to lie behind the journey to London of Mr. Richard Whittington, Counsellor at the British Embassy in Bangkok.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London tonight confirmed that Mr. Whittington will work on proposed amendments to the Siamese Peace Treaty of January 1, 1946, of which the clauses governing compensation for war damage are considered by the Siamese Government to be an unduly heavy burden.

An appeal for the amendment of the Peace Treaty had already been made before the coup d'état but discussions were dropped pending recognition of the new Government.

General Luang Sura Marong, Chief of the Siamese Military Mission at present visiting Britain, arrived in Switzerland today to visit 20-year-old Phra Phromphol of Siam, who is studying at Lausanne University.

The King's Secretary, who met General Marong at the Geneva airport said that he was bringing messages from the Siamese Government and Army.

The message from the Government was not expected, the Secretary added, to interfere with the King's present plans to return to Siam at the end of this year to attend the cremation of his brother, Late King An

Women
BEAUTY ARTS
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Barbara Stanwyck
for Lois Leeds

Heavily made-up eyes on fashion and beauty stars in "Top Star Stunners."

STAR SHINE

Barbara Stanwyck adds to her Star Shine by wearing a bright multi-colored ribbon on her full pocket. On the right is shown a brilliant costume piece, in colour, to go with her other accessories. It's a ray robe! Try it!

Kyle Mac Donnell, rising young player at Warner Bros., suggests an inexpensive treatment for removing discolourations and stains from the teeth. It is a teaspoonful of baking soda, one of salt and the juice of half a lemon. Dip your toothbrush into this tart, bubbling, clean-tasting mixture and use it as you would toothpowder or paste. You will be pleased with the results and you need only use it once a week to keep your teeth pearly white.

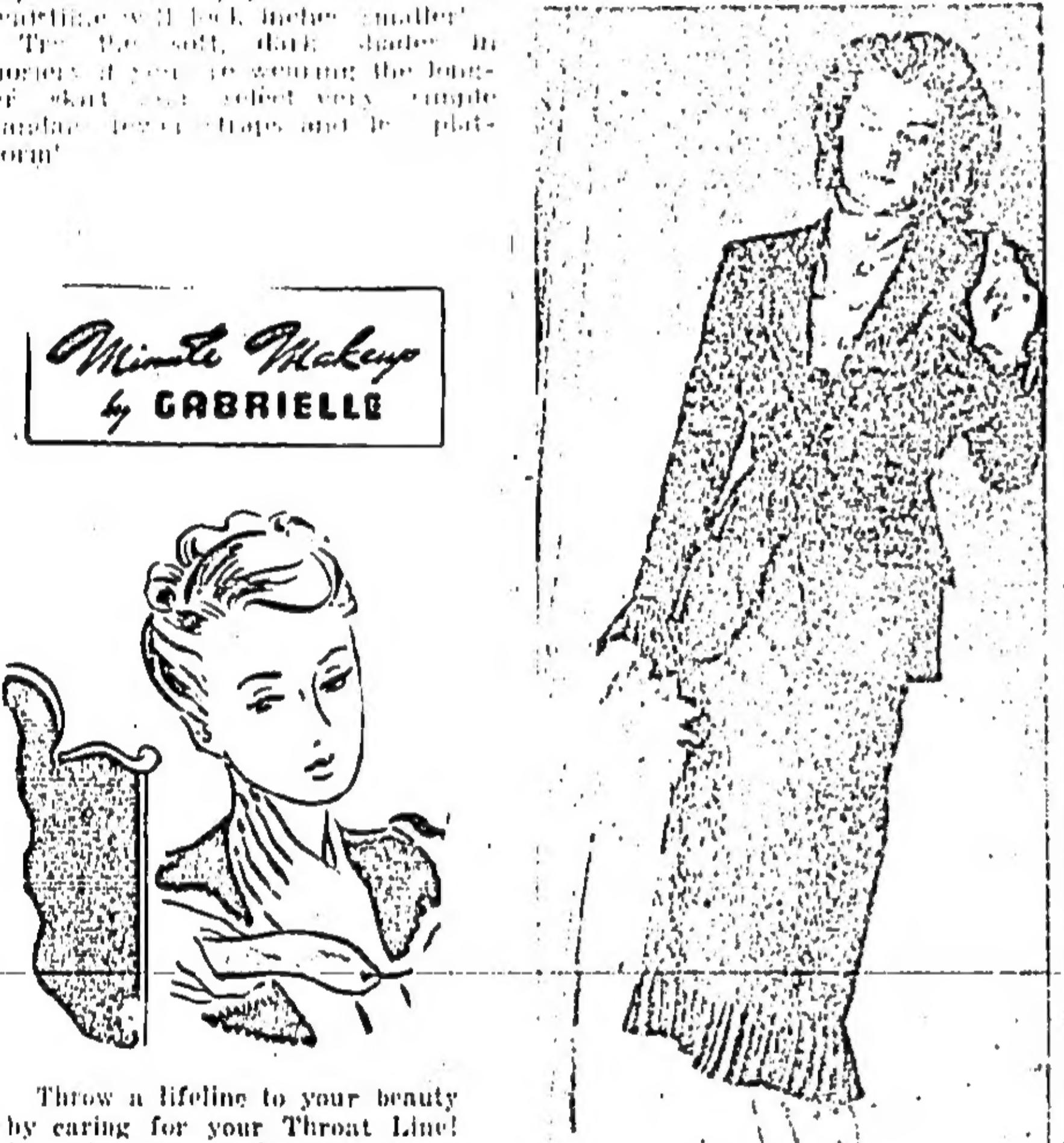
Geraldine Brooks suggests other tricks with the old standby, the toothbrush, not the same one, of course! She uses the toothbrush to brush and groom her eyebrows. It removes all excess powder and shapes the eyebrows. After applying the mascara, she brushes with it lightly through her eyelashes. It makes the lashes remove excess mascara, giving a very natural appearance. Geraldine also keeps an old toothbrush handy to use for washing her combs and brushes.

Jeanne Eagels of Warner Bros. suggests "Whifflower," keeps several brushes hanging on the door of her clothes closet. There are many kinds of the brush but Jeanne likes the soft ones best. After a day's wear, she takes off her clothes, washes them thoroughly and lets them hang out in the air for a few hours before placing it in the closet. This immediately after-washing habit has paid off for the garment ready for the next wearing. If there are any spots, she removes them when she hangs up the garment. The same routine applies to her shoes. She takes off her shoe soles and soles for her leather shoes. After soaking and before returning them to place in the closet, she rinses and dries them.

Fashion Notes! Try padding the hipline in your peplum outfit. Your waistline will look higher, smaller!

The soft, dark shades in homes if you're wearing the longer skirt, will reflect very simple random Peter-Pan shape and the platform!

Afternoon and Evening



Throw a lifeline to your beauty by caring for your Throat Line! Your throat line is the direct line of your good looks. Skin smooth? Use fresh lemon. Muscles corded and strong? Exercise the head and neck. Contour fluffy? Pat with astringent and apply a rich throat cream. And, don't forget—makeup should go on your throat as well as on your face!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Yes, we're staying with my brother Bert this time! That's how it is being a real estate man's wife—George keeps selling our own houses!"

Black Magic Funeral At Brighton

Without religious ceremony, but with a reading of the strange wild words from his writings on magic, self-styled "Great Wild Beast" Aleister Crowley was cremated at Brighton recently in the presence of his disciples.

Crowley, who died at Hastings, aged 72, shocked the world of the early thirties with stories of his "black magic" practices and orgies in his "Abbey" in Italy.

Twenty mourners, including five women, stood with bowed heads—one of the women in tears—as Mr Louis Wilkinson (Louis Marlowe, the novelist) recited for 20 minutes.

In the dusk

He was meeting the dead man's wishes by giving extracts from Hymn to Pan: "Collects from the Gnostic Mass," and "Book of the Law."

The first two came from Crowley's works, "Magick in Theory and Practice," the last named, he had claimed, was written at the dictation of a "supernatural being."

Any impressiveness the passages possessed was only gained by the speaker's fine delivery and the sincerity he put into his task.

Out of the torrent of words could be heard: "Satan has come on a milk-white ass... Oh Pan, Pan, I am seen to have got in the trap of the snake... The great beast has come... I am borne to death on the horn of the Unicorn... I am then made, Pan... Be not animal, refine the raptures... love one another with burning hearts..."

Carnations

The mourners—men with long hair, women of all ages listened intently and as the coffin disappeared into the furnace, Mrs Hilda Johnson of Leicester ran forward and placed a spray of pink carnations on the lid.

Mr Wilkinson later said he was carried out of Crowley's but carried out with his because of a friend's friendship.

As vagrants left the cheapest one-man car, "Be careful what you write about this," Crowley may have said at you from wherever he is.

Clip joints

The major might be right in saying that Rolls-Royces and evening dresses were less in evidence, but London's night-life was actually booming.

The reason was that in mystery Britain there was hardly any other way to spend surplus cash.

At the night club "clip-joints" night-life were still good and plenty. They paid £4 upwards for whiskies and 7s. 6d. for an obscure brand of 20 cigarettes.

The tip to the commissionaire was 10s. to the hat-check 10s. to the waiter £1 or £2.

If a customer went easy, in five hours with a partner at a night-club he paid out £15, but got nasty glances from the waiter. About £25 a session was nearer the mark.

A Bit Different

There is one night club in London which is a bit different.

It was the idea of manager Leslie Milton, the certainly charges £5 a bottle for champagne and £6 for brandy, but both cigarettes are sold at toleoneats' price, and the entrance fee is only 15s.

Whisky is £4 a bottle, but Leslie doesn't mind a bit if customers bring their own.

Even so, all Leslie's patrons are not happy. One架dropped into his office, and said: "Look here, Leslie, old boy, I've been here two hours and I've spent less than £5. It's not good enough."

WORSE YET A-WEAPONS: A WARNING

"There is no likelihood that any useful measures of defence will be found against atomic bombs, or against more effective weapons of mass destruction which science may yet provide. The only 'defence' would apparently be in priority of annihilating attack."

This warning is given by Sir Henry Dale, president of the British Association.

It is backed up by Dr H. E. Wumper, former Air Ministry research chief, who says that the problem of aid defence "needs re-thinking."

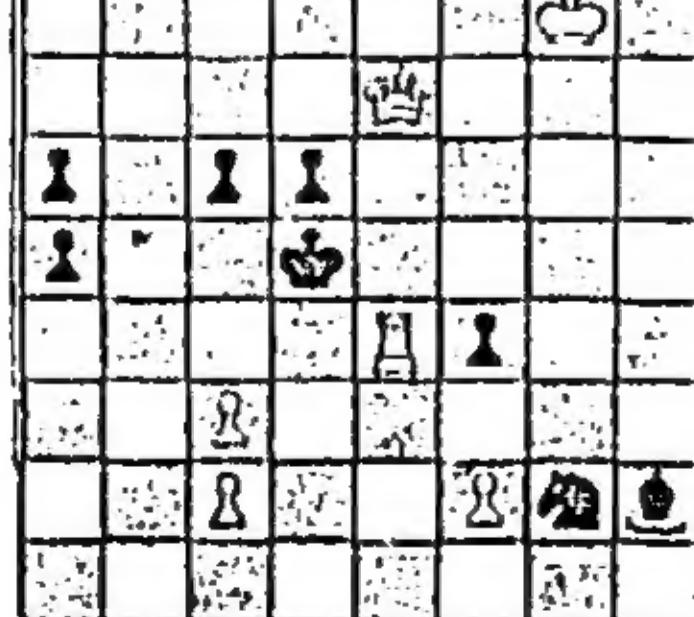
Other atomic weapons much more destructive than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, may certainly be expected, comments Sir Henry, "if the situation continues without remedy."

"Nor," he adds, "is it by any means certain that atomic energy will ultimately provide the nations with the most effective means of destroying one another, if the discoveries of science in all directions continue to be at call for such perversion."

CHESS PROBLEM

By VICTOR RUSH

Black, 8 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-Q7; any 2, Q, R, B, or Kt
mates.

DUMB-BELLS

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BY GABRIELLE

I WANT A DOZEN FRESH EGGS. BE SURE THEY ARE TODAY'S EGGS!

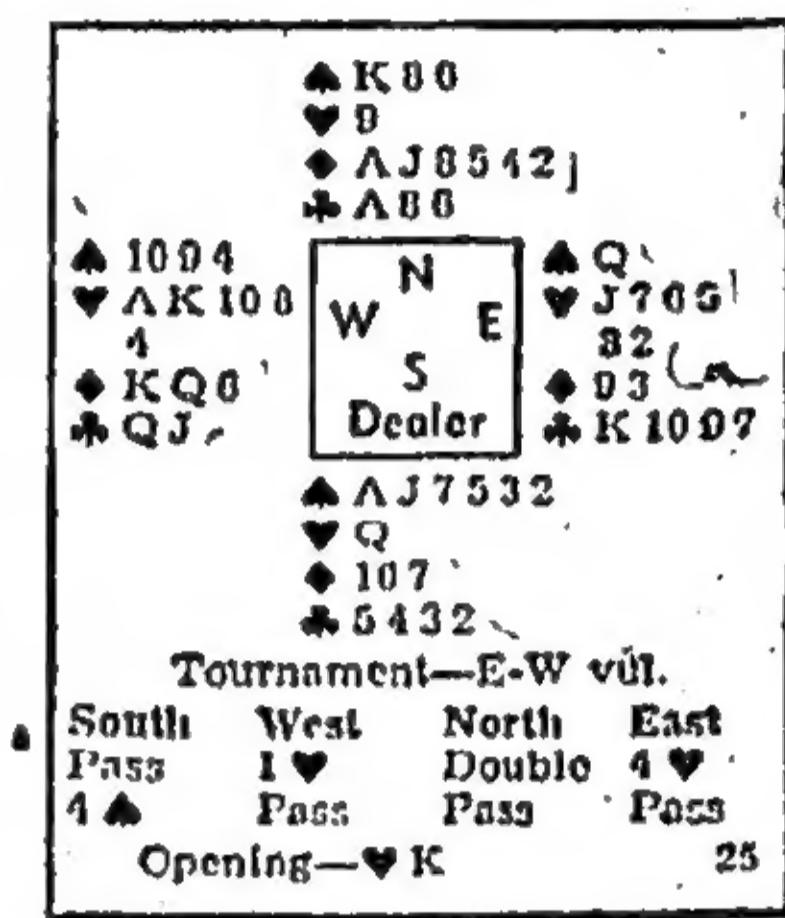
SORRY! TODAY'S EGGS ARE ALL GONE BUT I CAN GIVE YOU SOME OF TOMORROW'S EGGS!

BY GABRIELLE

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

5 Losers Reduced To 3 in Game Bid

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY



TODAY'S hand comes from that outstanding Life Master, Harry J. Fishbein of the Mayfair Bridge Club in New York. Fishbein is always patient with the novice and answers questions willingly.

When the dummy goes down, declarer can see that he has a positive spade loser, a certain heart and diamond loser, and two club losers—probably five losers which he wants to reduce to three.

After winning the opening heart lead, West shifts to the queen of clubs.

The opening lead has marked West with the ace of hearts, and he undoubtedly has some other strength for his vulnerable bid. In all likelihood he has the king of diamonds.

Fishbein points out that nothing is to be gained by winning the first club trick. Let West hold it, and when he continues with a club, declarer wins this in dummy with the ace and leads a spade. East plays the queen and South wins.

Now he wants to try to establish the diamond suit. Figuring West for the king of diamonds and possibly the queen also, declarer leads the ten of diamonds. When West plays the queen, South lets him hold the trick, hoping that he originally had only two clubs.

The only thing West can do safely is to lead a spade. Declarer wins, leads the other diamond, and when West plays the six-spot, the finesse of the jack is taken. Then the king of spades and ace of diamonds are thrown on dummy's hand. Thus five losers are reduced to three.

DEAD PILOT'S NAME IS CLEARED

The good name of a dead pilot has been cleared by two Yale University scientists who proved that, though alcohol was found in the man's liver, it did not necessarily follow that he had been drinking.

On July 6 last year, a D.C. plunged into the water when en route to land at La Guardia Field, New York.

Among the three killed was the pilot, Captain William A. Davidson.

The autopsy showed that Davidson's liver contained three-tenths of one percent of alcohol. Twice that amount has been accepted as evidence of intoxication when found in the bloodstream.

The jury was told that Davidson was drunk, though no one gave evidence that he was in that condition when he entered the plane.

They posed the question: "Could three men take in alcohol except by drinking it?"

After a long period of research the answer came.

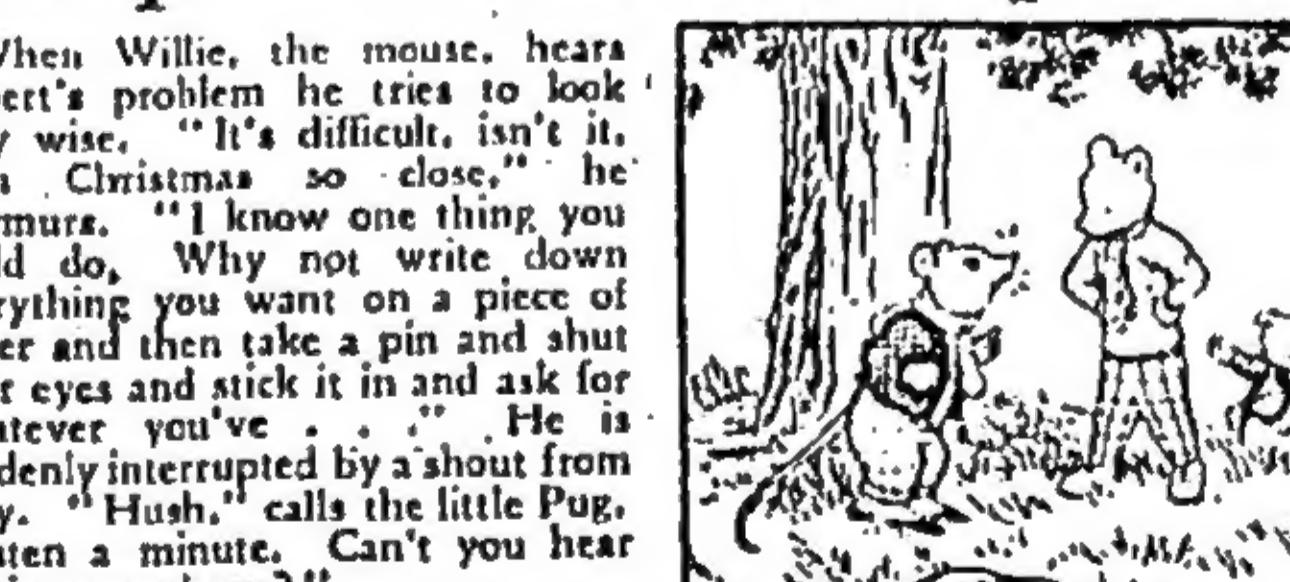
The tank of alcohol to be sprayed on the propeller to avoid icing had been broken on impact.

The fliers who died had swallowed a mixture of sea-water and ethyl and their livers showed the symptoms of heavy drinking.

The Davidson good name was proved.

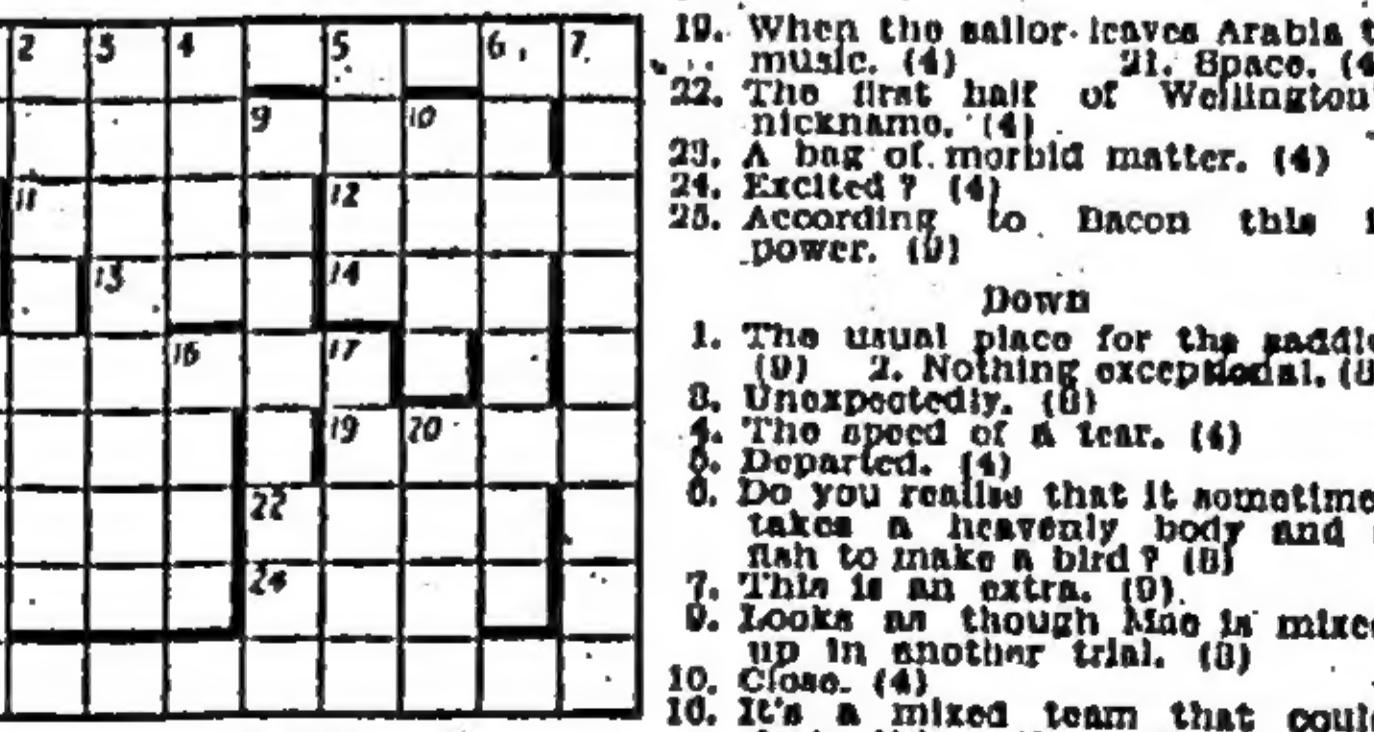
1. What American general was nicknamed "Black Jack"?
2. What is the common name for Vincent's anemia?
3. Who founded the city of Alexandria, Egypt?
4. When and by whom was the potato introduced into England?
5. Who founded the religion of Islam?
6. Name the Seven Seas.
(Answers on Page 4)

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—3



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CROSS WORD



10. When the sailor leaves Arabia to music. (4)
21. Space. (4)
22. The first half of Wellington's nickname. (4)
23. But a mild matter. (4)
24. Excited? (4)
25. According to Bacon this is power. (4)
Down
1. The usual place for the paddle. (9)
2. Nothing exceptional. (8)
3. Unexpectedly. (8)
4. Separately. (8)
5. Do you realize that it sometimes takes a heavenly body and a lot to get it around? (10)
7. This is an extra. (10)
9. Looks as though Mae is mixed in another trial. (10)
10. It's a mixed team that could draw the ration. (4)
12. It's taking a chance. (8)
20. Measurement. (4)

Across
1. It takes a rough glass to give you a limp-wrist. (8)
6. Even a torn name may decorate. (4)
12. Many V.O.s admit to having known it. (4)
13. From sweater goes the mystic. (3)
15. Emmanuel gets a bit mixed when you leave. (6)
18. Stripped. (4)

11. Facts. (4)
14. Preservative. (3)
16. Emmanuel gets a bit mixed when you leave. (6)
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20. Measurement. (4)

Across
1. Tax. (4)
12. Dodge. (4)
13. Oats. (4)
14. Almond. (4)
15. Uncle. (4)
16. Gladiator. (4)
17. Rapier. (4)
18. Decoy. (4)
19. Tans. (4)
20. Lieu. (4)
21. Space. (4)

1. Solution of Saturday's puzzle—Answers
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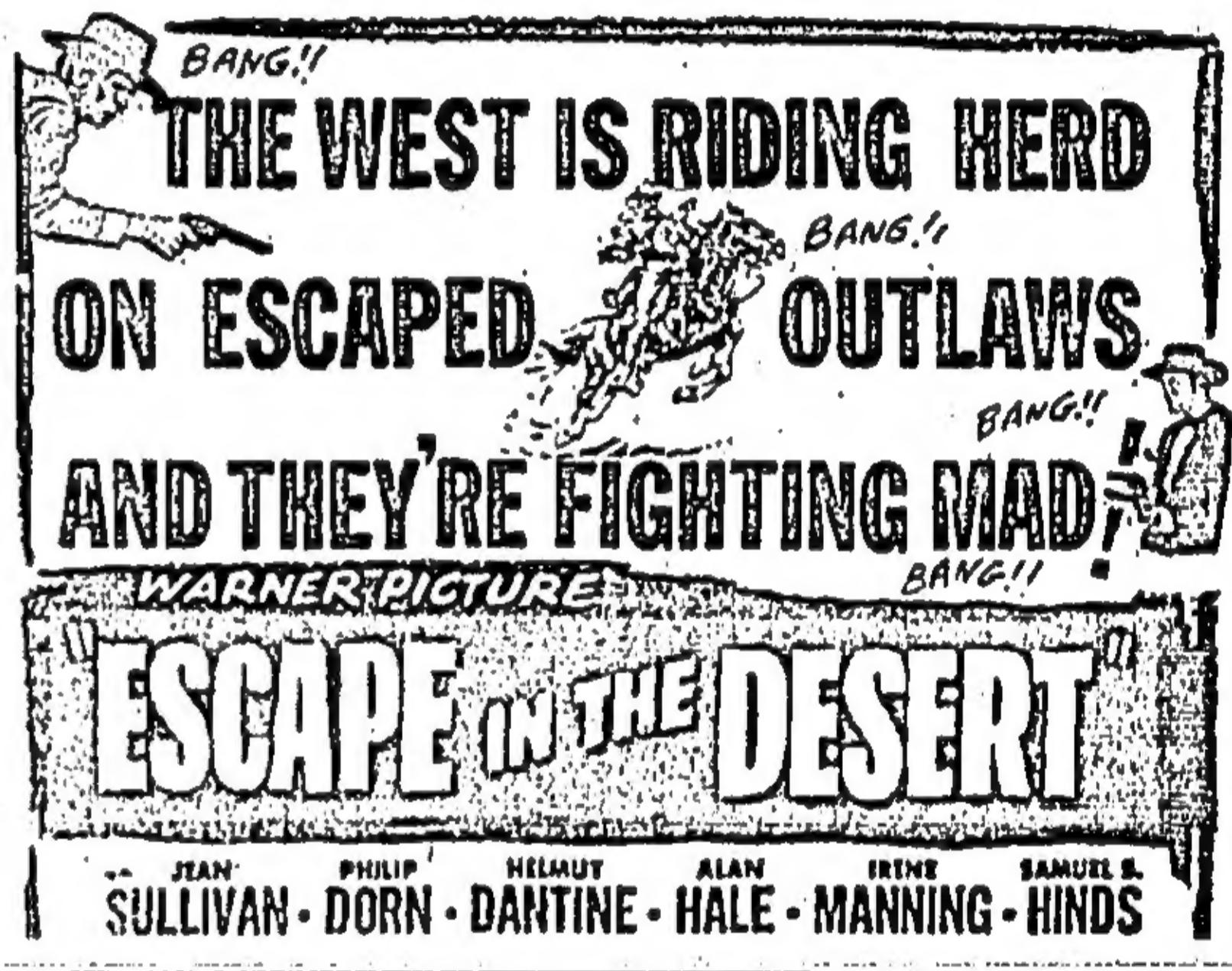
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7.20 AND
9.30 P.M.



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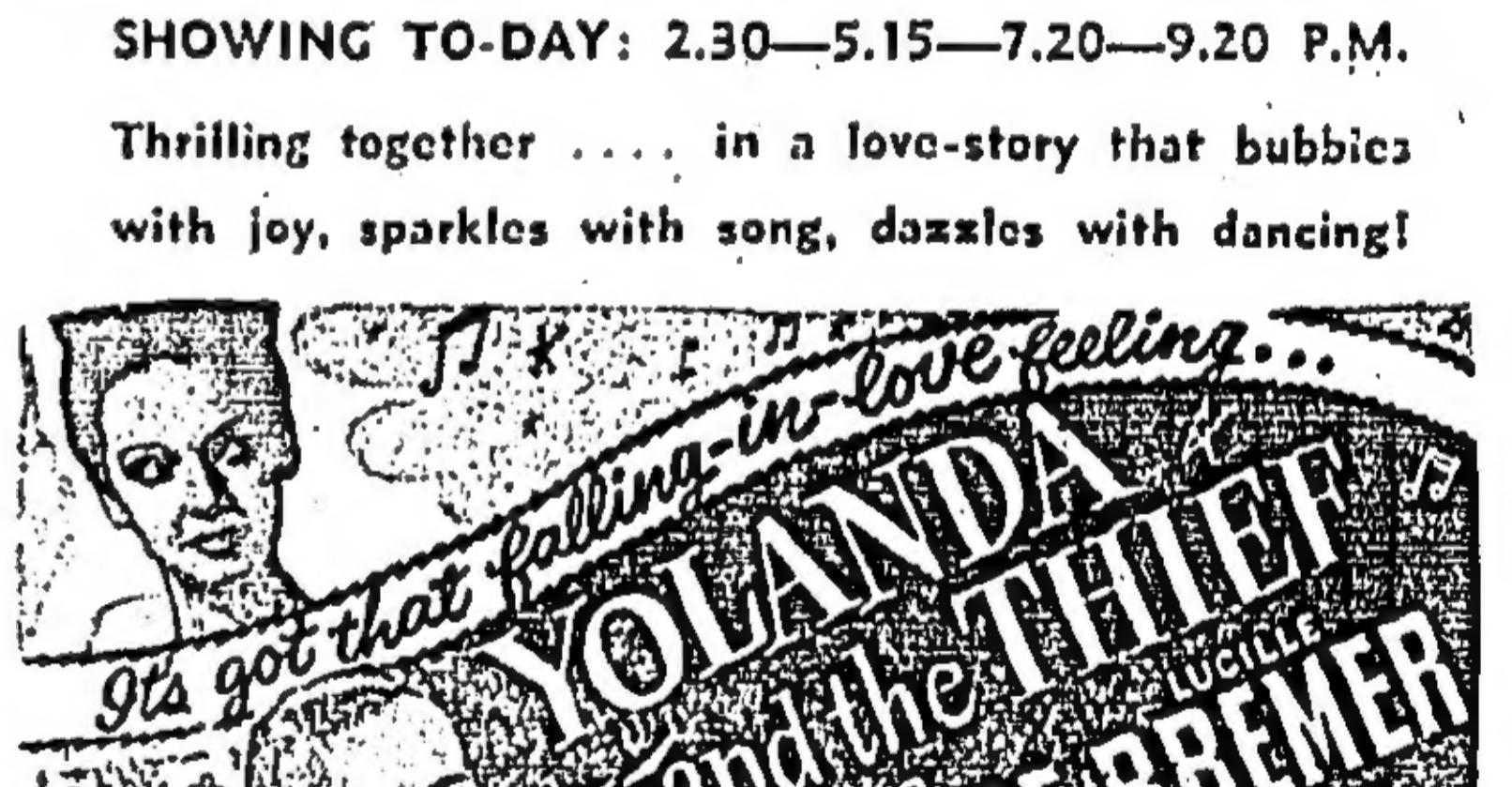
ALHAMBRA THEATRE

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.



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VOLGA FIRST AID POST'S RECORD

A Soviet plane-equipped first aid station has piled up an impressive record of service to the population in 10 years of work, says Associated Press.

This station, located in the Volga River city of Gorky, has flown 2,500,000 kilometres, furnishing medical help to distant villages and farms. Ten thousand inhabitants have benefited.

One of the surgeons of this station has accumulated a record of more than 3,000 hours flying time.

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LABOUR PARTY STANDS FIRM ON BOYCOTT OF EUROPEAN CONGRESS

London, Feb. 16.—The National Executive of the Labour Party had reaffirmed its decision to discourage its members from taking part in the "Congress of Europe" which will meet at the Hague in May, Mr. Morgan Phillips, General Secretary of the Labour Party, stated tonight.

This announcement followed the radio appeal on Saturday by Mr. Winston Churchill that the Labour Party should reconsider its attitude to the Congress.

Mr. Churchill, who is chairman of the British United Europe Committee, affiliated to the International Committee of Movements for Europe Unity, which is organising the Congress, made a direct appeal to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in the matter.

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TRUMAN REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON WARFARE IN GREECE

Washington, Feb. 16.—Guerilla war was "sapping the economic strength of Greece," President Truman said today, when he notified Congress that he would seek more funds for additional military assistance to Greece and Turkey "at the appropriate time."

Condemning the "determined and ruthless" campaign by Communist guerillas against the people of Greece, President Truman reiterated that the United States would consider any recognition of the guerilla "government" a matter with "serious implications and clearly contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter."

In his second report to Congress on the Greco-Turkish programme approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate last spring, President Truman said that, since his last statement on this subject, "Greece has been subjected to ever-increasing pressure by the Communist minority which, subservient to the foreign influences from which it draws its support, would impose its will on the Greek people by force of arms."

Pointing to the "deliberate and wanton destruction of Greek villages," Pres. Truman said: "The determined and ruthless destruction is intended to render the people homeless; drive them from the soil; force them into overcrowded urban centres, where they become charges of an already burdened state and create for them conditions of misery and hardship in the hope that this will make them susceptible to political infiltration."

President Truman reported that of the original \$300,000,000 voted for Greece, \$172,000,000 was spent on the military programme that "saps the economic strength of Greece" at the same time that the American mission is seeking to build it up through reconstruction and economic assistance."

Still A Free Country

He stressed that, although the economic programme, most effective under the circumstances, will continue to be actively prosecuted, the benefits can be fully realised only when warfare against the guerrillas has been successfully concluded.

If the guerrilla menace should increase as a result of greater outside assistance, a new situation would be

COSGRAVE'S DEFENCE

Hobart, Feb. 16.—The counsel for Mr. Robert Cosgrave, former Labour Premier of Tasmania, told the Criminal Court here today that his client will say in evidence how he kicked "out of the door" a man who asked if £3,000 would be of any use to Labour Party funds.

The charges against Mr. Cosgrave involved alleged payments amounting to £5,400 from road transport operators to "protect" their business against nationalisation.

The ex-Premier was stated to have accepted them as contributions to Labour Party funds.

His counsel continued: "Mr. Cosgrave will say that the refusal of the £3,000 took place in the interview with Mr. James Sullivan, a transport operator, in 1947, at which the latter alleged he abjured the ex-Premier and called him a scoundrel."

Counsel said his client would swear that he had not met the accused, Mr. Sullivan, before the end of 1945, although Mr. Sullivan had alleged he began to pay money to Mr. Cosgrave in 1944.—Reuter.

THE GIRLS ARE QUITE HAPPY

Manila, Feb. 16.—The ten Chinese girl entertainers who are still performing at a night club here this afternoon dismissed as ridiculous the charges reportedly made in Hongkong by the 12 returning members of their troupe that they were kept virtual prisoners and that their mail was censored while here.

They said they are satisfied with their work in Manila.—Reuter.

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THREE-POWER CONFERENCE POSTPONED

London, Feb. 16.—The opening of the American-Anglo-French conference on Germany's future—a meeting denounced in advance by Russia—has been postponed from next Thursday until the following Monday.

The delay is attributed unofficially to the desire for the United States representative, Mr. Lewis Douglas, to remain in Washington through the week while Congress considers the European recovery programme.

The United States proposed the postponement, and Britain and France agreed.

Russia has charged in a formal protest to the three Western powers that the meeting would violate the Potsdam agreement and would tend to undermine the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers, and could not be recognised by the Soviets.

The conference of some extent will be a three-power version of the Council of the Big Four, which broke up in failure last December. The agenda will closely parallel that of the London conference.

The programme includes the incorporation of the French occupation zone into the Anglo-American administration, methods of associating the Benelux countries in any long-term decisions for Germany, relationship of Western Germany to the European recovery programme, control of the Ruhr, security against any future German agitation, and reparations and territorial arrangements including the cession of the Saar to France.—United Press.

FALKLAND IS. CHALLENGE

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"The Government consider British title to the Falkland Island Dependencies to be well-founded and have been willing it should stand the test of international arbitration.

"In the protest we made to the Argentine and Chilean Governments last December, we made it plain we would accept the decision of the International Court. This offer has been rejected by both governments.

"We can only regard this as evidence that they have no confidence in their ability to dispute our legal title.

CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

"The Argentine Government has suggested that there should be some form of international conference and we are considering this proposal," Mr. McNeil declared.

"The British Government has always been ready to seek means of settlement by discussion in disputes which may arise with friendly governments and has never closed the door to discussion of the Antarctic question with interested parties.

"That is one thing, but it is quite another when, despite our declared willingness to see this question settled legally, ostentatious naval and other demonstrations are being made in the areas which we administer and in which everyone knows we consider to be British territory."—Reuter.

UN Assembly To Meet In Paris

Lake Success, Feb. 16.—Paris has been selected as the site for the next meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations, it was announced here today.

The nine-man site committee's decision was taken after hearing reports from Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who recently visited various European capitals.

The committee considered the reports on Paris, Geneva, Brussels and The Hague, which were on the short list drawn up by the Secretary-General.

The committee's decision was unanimous. The meeting was a short one, and members merely confined themselves to stating it was obvious that Paris offered greater advantages for accommodation, transport and facilities than the other centres proposed.

Moderating Influence

Among those members there is a strong feeling that the Committee, by its very existence and presence in Salonic, is exercising a moderating influence over Greece's neighbours, serving at the same time to keep world opinion focussed on the Balkan danger spot.

Reduced from their original role of a peace-promoting body to that of observers, the Committee has divided the 900-mile long Greek frontier into six sections and has assigned a permanent observer team of four men to each.

Each of the observation groups moves around in two jeeps and has its own wireless transmitter van.

Members of the groups have been asked to maintain their standard as impartial international observers, and have been asked to be continually on their guard against doing anything which will, in any way, prejudice their impartial character.

Weekly Reports

Although all of them are soldiers, they wear civilian clothing, have civilian status and are unarmed. They wear a yellow arm band on their left sleeve with the letter "UN" in black.

Their vehicles are painted a bright yellow with the black lettering "United Nations" on the windscreen.

The groups are required to send back weekly reports to the Committee's headquarters in Salonic. It is on the basis of their findings that the Committee will decide whether special action is necessary before the September meeting of the General Assembly.—Reuter.

Budapest Movement

Budapest, Feb. 16.—Three representatives of the "Free Greek Government" of General Markos have arrived in Budapest as guests of the Hungarian Government.

This movement was started at the New Year. It is supported by Socialists, Communists, National Peasants and Smallholders' Parties. Artists, writers and scientists have joined to give moral and material help to the "Greek People's Army."—Reuter.

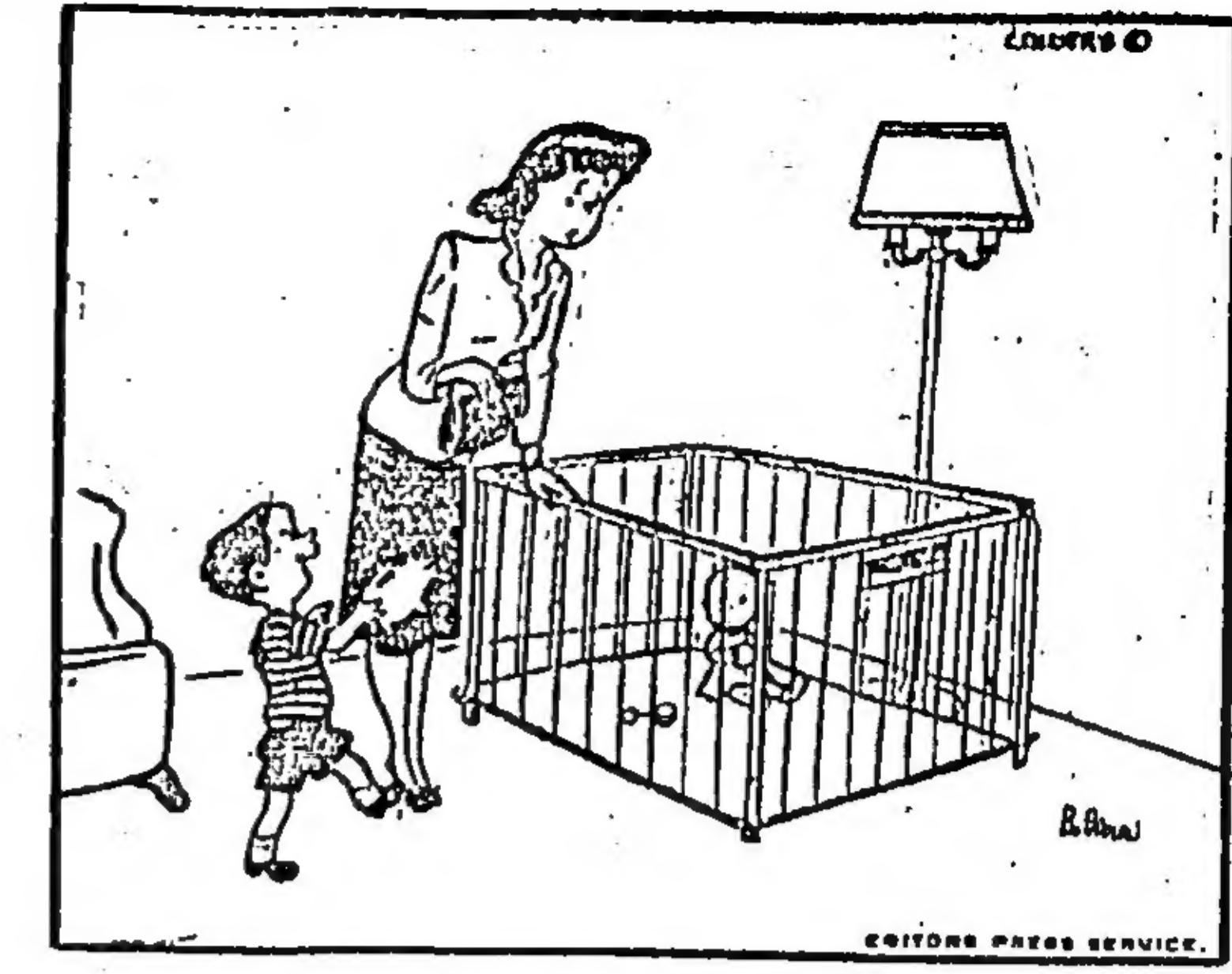
Jinnah Retirement Report Refuted

Karachi, Feb. 16.—Press reports that M. A. Jinnah is ill and plans to retire as Pakistan's Governor-General were termed "thrash" today by Jinnah's secretary, Syed Mohamed Yusuf.—Associated Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- General John J. Pershing (World War I).
- Trench mouth.
- Alexander the Great.
- In 1890 by Sir Francis Drake.
- Mohammed, 6. The North Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Pacific, South Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Antarctic Oceans.



"Hey, Sis! Help your kid have a rich uncle!"

"People's Republic" For North Korea Proclaimed

New York, Feb. 16.—A "Democratic People's Republic in Korea" has been proclaimed in Soviet-occupied North Korea, a Seoul despatch to the American Trans-Radio News Agency reported today.

The new Republic would eventually embrace American-occupied South Korea, the report said, adding that a People's Council is to meet in the middle of next month to adopt a constitution.

The New York Times' Seoul correspondent reported today that the Soviets and the Korean Communist Party were speeding completion of the North Korean Soviet-sponsored Government, and that it would be proclaimed a Government of All Korea before the end of the United Nations' Little Assembly" Korea debate opening next week.

The next step, said the correspondent, would be a withdrawal of the Soviet forces, after which, according to predictions by observers there, the new government would open a harassing campaign against the south.

Russia and the United States failed to agree on the composition of an interim government for Korea last year and the issue was brought before the United Nations.

"It will be a serious blow to the effort we are all making for the national independence of Korea," he added.—Reuter.

ONLY REDS' WARS ARE SACRED

London, Feb. 16.—The Soviet Army surpasses all the armies of the world in strength and fighting power, in equipment and the art of warfare, Moscow Radio declared in a programme talk today.

The speaker also said: "The bourgeois armies are a weapon of capital in the struggle against labour and butchers of popular freedom."

"In our time, the army of the United States acts as a force implementing the aggressive plans of the American imperialists.

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The games will be played on February 26.—Reuter.

Showdown Vote For Jap Premier

Tokyo, Feb. 16.—Japan's new Prime Minister will be elected by a "showdown" vote on the Diet floor this week, probably on Friday or Saturday, because of the failure over week-long efforts among the parties to reach agreement.

The House of Representatives Steering Committee decided on election this week but left the date open to be decided by inter-party caucuses.

An a complex situation faced the leading candidates—former Premier Shigeru Yoshida of the Liberal Party and outgoing Foreign Minister Hitoshi Ashida of the Democratic Party—some Japanese observers said the two-hour long talks between Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Premier Teiichi Katayama last week might be "closely connected" with eventual settlement of the premiership.

Katayama last Monday called on Gen. MacArthur to inform SCAP of his decision to resign.

Allied Headquarters sources, however, said SCAP's position was one of "hands off," as pointed out in Gen. MacArthur's statement in which he said a Cabinet change was a matter for the Japanese themselves to handle.

The Social Democratic Party, still the leading party in the House of Representatives—with 123 seats—so far has not stated its position regarding the premiership, whether it will support either Yoshida or Ashida. This has caused some political experts to believe that certain Socialist leaders are adopting a wait and see policy, hoping that the political fight will eventually effect the re-election of Socialist Tetu Katayama as Premier.—United Press.

Draw For Rugby League Cup

London, Feb. 16.—The draw for the second round of the Rugby League Cup made today resulted as follows:

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